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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, SW

SUBJECT: MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE (MSP) CONCEPT HINDERS SWEDISHR

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PARTICIPATION IN STANDING COMMITTEE ON LONG-TERM

COOPERATION (SLT)

REF: STATE 140564

1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED USG VIEWS IN REFTEL WITH MFA/
COMMERCE OFFICIAL JAN OLANDER, SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE TO SLT.
SOURCE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. ALTHOUGH GOS IS COMMITTED TO HAVE A PROGRAM OF LONG-
TERM COOPERATION AND THERE IS A NEED FOR DECISION, THE
MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE (MSP) CONCEPT CONTINUES TO GIVE SWEDEN
AND PERHAPS OTHER COUNTRIES DIFFICULTIES.

B. SINCE GOS HAS ALREADY MADE KNOWN TO IEA THEIR
DIFFICULTIES WITH MSP, GOVERNMENT MUST HAVE BASIS FOR TAKING
THIS QUESTION UP AGAIN. IN THIS CONNECTION, GOS MOST LIKELY
WILL WISH TO KNOW THE RANGE OF MSP BEFORE DETERMINING WHETHER
TO ACCEPT PROPOSED SLT PROGRAM IN FULL.

C. THUS, GOS MAY NOT BE IN POSITION TO ACCEPT AD
REFERENDUM SLT PROGRAM AT JUNE 30 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING.

D. NOTED THAT QUESTIONS OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY
TREATMENT OF IEA OIL; FORMAT OF IMPLEMENTING INSTRUMENT; AND
OTHER QUESTIONS MUST BE RESOLVED. SWEDES BELIEVE ALSO IEA
SHOULD DISCUSS WITH OPEC REPRESENTATIVES THE MSP RANGE TO
ASSURE FULL UNDERSTANDING AND AVOID CONFRONTATION.

E. ON TIMING FROM SWEDISH VIEW, SOURCE THOUGHT LEGAL
PAPERS MIGHT BE PREPARED IN JULY AND DECISION TAKEN AD
REFERENDUM PERHAPS IN SEPTEMBER WITH MSP IMPLEMENTED FROM
OCTOBER. SOURCE SAID THIS MATTER, OF COURSE, HAS NOT BEEN
DISCUSSED OFFICIALLY IN THE GOVERNMENT.

2 OLANDER'S COMMENTS CONFIRM EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH
EWERLOF, SWEDISH REP ON GOVERNING BOARD WHO IS NOW ON HOLIDAY,
THAT MFA/COMMERCE OFFICIALS ARE SOFTENING THEIR OPPOSITION TO
MSP. FURTHER, THAT IF OVERALL SLT PROGRAM HAS ENOUGH BENEFITS
FOR SWEDES THEY MIGHT EVEN ACCEPT IN THE END THE MSP CONCEPT.

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3. EWERLOF WILL HEAD SWEDISH DELEGATION TO JUNE 30 GOVERNING
BOARD MEETING. ROLF GRADIN OF INDUSTRY MINISTRY AND SEVERAL
MFA/COMMERCE OFFICIALS PROBABLY WILL ALSO BE ON SWEDISH
DELEGATION.
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